



Minutes of the Transport Working Party

2 August 2012

-: Present :-

Councillor Ray Hill (Chairman), Councillor Nicole Amil, Councillor Darren Cowell,
Councillor Ian Doggett, Councillor Alan Faulkner and Councillor Pete Addis

(Also in attendance: Sue Cheriton, Patrick Carney, William Prendergast, Councillor Robert Excell, Councillor Steve Darling, Councillor Bobbie Davies, Councillor Mark Pountney and Hannah Shrimpton)

10. Apologies for absence

Councillor Brooksbank.

11. Minutes of meeting held on 21st June 2012

- Councillor Addis proposed the minutes from 21st June 2012 and Councillor Cowell seconded – all in favour.

12. The Willows, Torquay - Verge/Footway Parking Ban

- Patrick Carney presented the report. Feedback from local people has raised concerns regarding parking on verges as there is no other parking available.
- As the level of signage required would be extensive to enforce a ban, this was not felt to be a practical option.

Recommendation:-

- Not to implement a Bay wide ban at this time but to carry out an education programme with the Police who may be able to enforce.
- Cllr Addis concerned this is a cost issue. It was explained that the parking order would be difficult to enforce due to the level of signage.
- Councillor Doggett concerned as a resident could not get out of their house. Councillor Darling realises cannot do this everywhere. It does need to be targeted. Need to target areas of most concern through education.
- Councillor Cowell – can alternative solutions be found maybe as part of the Neighbourhood Plan and this process. Could consider future parking allocations on developments. Need to also be considered by individual neighbourhoods.

Recommendation – as reported.

Proposed by Councillor Addis

Seconded by Councillor Faulkner

All in favour.

13. Fleet Street Regeneration - Consultation Summary

- Consulted with public and key stakeholders. Generally the proposals were well received. Main concerns were with buses and red bitmac central section and how this looks.
- The bus issue needs to be debated as a separate issue. Vehicle lane is required for deliveries. Colour will be changed to make this more in keeping.

Recommendation:-

- To progress the scheme and implement.
- Councillor Doggett – we do not discuss the buses at this time. Councillor Cowell agreed the bus issue should form part of the neighbourhood planning.
- Councillor Darling brought up issues around difficulties for guide dogs. Concerns are being taken on board also the kerb helps identify a safe pavement area. PC confirmed planters will be removed.

Recommendation:

- To progress to construction.
- Councillor Cowell/Councillor Doggett. All in favour.

14. Nicholson Road, Torquay - Consideration of the objections regarding the provision of parking restrictions

- Scheme was advertised regarding restrictions as recommended by the Transportation Working Party on 10th May 2012.
- Concerns of loss of parking have been submitted.
- Councillor Excell – concerns were raised by local nurses. They are now happy with the proposal.

Recommendation:-

- To implement as advertised.
- Proposed by Councillor Faulkner, seconded by Councillor Addis. All in favour.

15. Review of Implementation of part night lighting in residential areas

- Some lights were left on in residential areas, approximately 1 in 6.
- Residents were concerned about the risk of increased crime. There is no evidence to date of additional crime or increased traffic collisions.
- Saving around £200k in energy costs. Patrick Carney expressed other saving measures are being considered.

Recommendation:-

- Not to make any changes to policy and officers to consider further energy saving measures.
- Councillor Addis proposed, Councillor Cowell seconded. All in favour.

16. Vehicle parking on highway grass verges

- Consideration should be given to priority areas where problems are causing most concern.
- Despite looking at alternative funding sources including capital budgets. If funding does become available we should use as prioritised. Mr Gordon

Jennings presented to the working group widths in some areas are really difficult due to the narrow road. Fire engines cannot get through and this could risk lives.

- Option of putting grasscrete/matting on verges might be more effective.
- Patrick Carney to consider cost of grass cutting as opposed to cost of bitmac or grasscrete. These may not be cost effective or suitable for level of use.
- Councillor Pountney asked if Davis Avenue could be on the list because of the problems. PC considered this would need to be road widening scheme rather than providing parking.
- Councillor Faulkner suggested we use Mincent Hill as a trial area for grasscrete.
- PC agreed to come back to TWP on cost of this option.
- Councillor Darling considered that this was a problem. Requested why Happaway Road is prioritised above Mincent Hill. Requested to refer this to the Mayor to see if funding for this Mincent Hill can be found. Councillor Davis raised concerns Paignton has not been included.

Recommendation:-

- Refer the issue of Mincent Hill to Mayor for the consideration.
- Continue to explore funding to progress priority list.
- Proposed by Councillor Doggett, seconded by Councillor Faulkner – all in favour.

17. Coach Parking - Review of Cary Park area - consideration of objections

- Patrick Carney explained the introduction of the Traffic Regulation Orders to improve and give additional coach parking in the area. A significant number of objections were received, mostly based upon lack of car parking. Ward Councillors requested no parking on one side of Cary Avenue.
- Mr Bennett – email was read out by Patrick which supports the mix of car parking and coach parking as the recommendations.
- Expected parking spaces lost is 26 on proposals if Cary Park is implemented, this would lose 22 spaces.
- Mr Christian represents the traders and the BID team. Safety issue on Cary Park has no evidence from recorded accidents. The parked cars reduce speed. Do not agree parking restrictions will improve safety.
- Coach Parking – would like to see more coach parking but not on Cary Avenue. Suggested other areas could be used like Model Village car park.
- Recommend go to local businesses and community partnership group to consider other options/do further consultation.
- Councillor Addis – considers Cary Avenue is not safe and some objections have been withdrawn like Torquay United.
- Parking restrictions only from April – October and this would alleviate the problem.
- Councillor Faulkner has written to holiday and coach companies to get the drivers to use the designated parking areas. This has not helped the situation. Patrick Carney confirmed this is not a current collision cluster site therefore not a road safety priority.
- PC advised a Byelaw could not be used to restrict coach parking in Cary Park.
- Councillor Doggett considered that most groups were happy with the proposal.

- Councillor Cowell advised this should be consulted upon further before implementation. There is concern little consultation has taken place. Councillor Faulkner advised consultation has been ongoing for 12 months.

Recommendation:-

- Implement as advertised except Cary Avenue will be restricted only from 1st April – 30th September then no restrictions outside it. No double yellow lines outside church.
- Councillor Addis proposed and Councillor Faulkner seconded. Motion carried – 4 in favour. Councillor Doggett and Councillor Cowell abstained.

18. Shiphay CPZ - Consideration of objections regarding the provision of parking restrictions

- Patrick Carney presented the report. Proposed extending of the zone to Berkeley Avenue and Rise. Extra restrictions were also considered. Objections of loss of parking on Collaton Road area due to yellow lining in some areas.
- Suggested amend Berkeley Avenue on parking to reflect residents request.
- Mr Charlwood presented to the Committee raising concern on displaced car parking into the Willows area. Petition was submitted (14 signatures). Centenary Way is becoming a very busy road. This will be increased due to Scotts Meadow development. Parking in the area has increased due to Scotts Meadow development. Parking in the area has increased and believe this has been aggravated by parking restrictions in adjoining areas. This area is being used for business traffic and overnight parking for lorries and campers. Requesting improvement to safety on Centenary Way for local residents. PC advised that there is already a proposal to yellow line some of Centenary Way. PC will consult with Mr Charlwood on what is proposed. Councillor Excell agreed to go and meet Mr Charlwood about Centenary Way.
- Councillor Kingscote advised the Community Partnership supported recommendation.

Recommendation:-

- As outlined within the report.
- Councillor Faulkner proposed and Councillor Doggett seconded. All in favour.

19. Pre-Application Proposal for Morrisons in Babbacombe Road, Torquay

- PC explained the changes expected. On an engineering point there is no objections. There should be a dedicated right turn lane (not shown on plan).
- Bill Prendergast hopes to improve walkways and cycling access to the site.
- More spaces for Parents with children is considered to be needed on site.
- Double yellow lines and loading restrictions to be considered for Babbacombe Road to manage any potential overspill.
- Consider volume of traffic coming from Babbacombe/and delivery trucks accessing the site through Babbacombe.
- Dedicated right turn lane to be considered.

20. LSTF - verbal update

- Preparations are underway. Pontoon contractors will be in place soon. Fast ferry tender will be out in October. Bus routes will be procured in autumn. Cycle ways are being progressed.

21. Rail Consultation - verbal update

- Option appraisal for station at Edginswell under consideration. Site being identified. Great Western franchise is being tendered. Current proposal does not include direct trains from Torquay – Paddington. This is being challenged through DFT. Concerns were expressed by Members if these services are lost. Tourists will find this very difficult.

22. Any Other Business

None.

23. Date of Next Meeting

13th September 2012, 4pm, Meadfoot Room, Town Hall, Torquay.